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Teen-ager opens fire at school, kills two

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

A 15-year-old boy who had been picked on and had talked about shooting classmates allegedly opened fire in a high school bathroom Monday, killing two people and wounding 13 in the nation's deadliest school attack since the 1999 attack on

Columbine High School.

One student said the boy had a smile on his face as he fired away with a revolver at Santana High School in a suburb 10 miles north-east of San Diego.

The boy, a freshman whose name was not released, surrendered in the bathroom, dropped

his gun and said he acted alone, telling officers: "It's just me," according to sheriff's officials.

He will be charged as an adult with murder, assault with a deadly weapon and gun possession, authorities said.

Two students are dead, and at least one of the 15 injured victims

was a campus supervisor, Sheriff William Kolender said.

At San Jose State University, some students had the feeling of an accelerating problem with younger people and violence.

Kiet Duong, a computer science major at SJSU, said he didn't understand the growing trend of

violent acts committed by students.

"Before, kids would get into fistfights," Duong said, "and now it seems to be escalating."

He said he thinks students lack ways to release anger.

"I think it all comes down to the parents," Duong said. "I think

parents are not involving themselves more in their kids' lives."

Fellow students and an adult acquaintance said they had heard the boy's threats during the week-end but thought he was joking and did not report him to authorities.

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Two-day job fair to help employ students

By J. E. Espino

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Melinda Smaltz said she has not found a job since she graduated last semester.

Smaltz, a business administration and marketing alumna, has made plans to come with 25 to 50 resumes in hand to the Spring Career Job Fair being held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Event Center.

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"I've heard the job fair is one of the best ways to get a job," Smaltz said.

A total of 180 employers are slated to have tables set up for San Jose State University seniors and alumni.

The Summer and Internship Job Fair, which is estimated to have 125 employers, is scheduled to happen the following day, and is open to all students.

For the first time, students are able to download a portable document format from the Career Center's Web site of the employers scheduled to be present during the two-day fair, according to Margaret Wilkes, job fair coordinator.

Employers, Wilkes said, are to range from the high-tech industry to human services. The San Francisco Zoo is slated to come to the fair for the first time.

Smaltz said she would probably visit the business tables, but is open to other fields.

"Computer and high-tech industry seem interesting," she said, "but I don't know if I have the technology and computer

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Mark Kocina / Daily Staff

Junior guard Atari Parker made an immediate impact on the San Jose State University women's basketball team since transferring from Santa Ana College last year. Parker leads the Spartans in scoring and steals this season.

Not just fun and games

SJSU guard Atari Parker has the desire, talent and leadership to go professional.

By TIFFANI ANALLA / DAILY STAFF EDITOR

Centipede and Pong are a couple of the Atari system video games people play for fun.

But basketball is the game Spartan women's basketball player Atari Parker likes to play.

The junior guard's scoring prowess has helped the Spartans improve to a 12-15 overall record from last year's 3-24 season.

Today she hopes her presence on the court can propel the Spartans to victory when they take on the University of Texas-El Paso on the opening day of the Western Athletic Conference tournament in Tulsa, Okla.

Parker, however, wasn't always concerned with basketball and wasn't always fond of her name.

"When I was little, all the

way up to maybe high school, it was just like this bad name and no one liked it," Parker said. "I was just kind of teased about it all the time with all the 'Nintendos' and the 'Segas' and all this other weird stuff. And I hated it.

As I grew up, it was like maybe this name means something. You know? It's unique."

Gracie Burden McClinton, Atari's mother, said she wasn't quite sure where she came up with the name, but that it had

nothing to do with the video game system.

"In all of my great wisdom, I thought of this wonderful name," McClinton said. "I named my baby Atari, shortly thereafter. I must have heard that somewhere."

Parker said she now embraces her name by sporting a tattoo of an Atari video game logo on her right calf.

"I think it's supposed to be a basketball-reckoned name," Parker said. "I don't know if it would fit anyone else, like the famous bowler Atari Parker. I don't think it would work, you know what I'm saying? Something crazy like that, like the Brainiac-Einstein Atari Parker. I don't know. I guess it fits with what I'm doing."

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New provost to meet, hear out students

By Karen Kabiling

DAILY STAFF WRITER

If a student has a problem, San Jose State University's new provost said he will try to solve it, or at least listen.

In a busy city such as San Jose, Angela Lindsay said she doesn't have time to consider the perspectives at the university.

"A lot of people are concerned with their own department," said Lindsay, a senior majoring in dance. "We can only participate so much."

PREVIEW

Lindsay now has the opportunity to voice her opinion to new Provost Marshall Goodman and Academic Senate Chair Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno at a booth at the Seventh Street plaza today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

"It's an opportunity for the students to converse with Provost Goodman," Gorney-Moreno said, "and share their observations about the campus."

Gorney-Moreno said the provost wanted to get to know the people on campus at an informal setting.

When Robert Caret came to San Jose, he set up different coffee meetings with faculty and students called "Coffee with Caret" to give the campus community a chance to meet the president, Gorney-Moreno said.

Likewise, she said the provost has a new vision, and wants to see if he could solve any campus related problem quickly.

As Academic Senate chair, she said she is responsible for calling together senate meetings and

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GETTING THE BOOT

Dalphanie Nguyen works on a project for her Representational Drawing class Monday in the Art building. Nguyen took advantage of the empty rooms in the Art building to get some work done.



Mark Kocina / Daily Staff

Spike Lee rallies against stereotypes

By Jena Torres

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Spike Lee leapt out of his chair Friday night while rallying against what he called "The Happy Slave" stereotype in a popular American movie.

Lee said the stereotype, in which black slaves remain content with their servitude, was prevalent throughout the Tom Hanks movie, "The Green Mile."

In a presentation for the Cinequest Film Festival at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, Lee expressed disappointment that the movie industry continues to perpetuate negative stereotypes about African Americans.

For example, Lee said, one of the main characters in "The Green Mile," a slave and prisoner, possesses healing powers that he uses solely on white people.

"You have a film like 'The

Green Mile,'" Lee said. "How is it that this Negro can touch Tom Hanks' groin and cure him of his urinary disease? And here we are — it's March 2, and we still have not found a cure for cancer. (The slave) sticks his tongue down (a white woman's) mouth, tongues her out and draws all her cancer out."

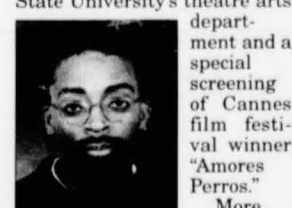
"Brotherman," Lee continued, "if you're that bad, why can't you just look at that lock in the prison? They're getting ready to fry your ass. Open up the lock and just walk out. What does he do? 'I'm so tired of running. I just want to die.' What stereotype is that? It's the 'happy slave.'"

It wasn't just "The Green Mile" that bore the brunt of Lee's attacks, however.

Quentin Tarantino, the Academy Awards as well as other films starring African Americans were also targets of criticism during the film festi-

val's "Conversation with Spike Lee."

The festival, which started on Feb. 22 and ended on Sunday with a black filmmakers' panel, included a screening of a digital short film by San Jose State University's theatre arts department and a special screening of Cannes film festival winner "Amores Perros."



Lee

More than 70 movies and short films were featured during the festival, and Macy Gray performed at the Digital by Digital launch party at The Usual.

Actor and director Billy Bob Thornton and civil-rights activist Angela Davis both cancelled their scheduled appear-

ances for the festival.

Lee spoke to a full house about his career as a filmmaker and black portrayal in the media.

He expressed amazement that Quentin Tarantino uses the word "nigger" so frequently in his films.

"The comments I made about Quentin Tarantino were not just about the excessive use of the word 'nigger' in Jackie Brown," Lee said. "The man is in love with the word."

Lee had a confrontation with Tarantino, whose complete knowledge of black people, Lee said, comes from movies and videos.

"Quentin Tarantino said he knows black people better than me and he was serious," Lee said.

Lee asked the audience if they could think of a movie in which the word "kike" was used so much.

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Editorial

A.S. elections need more students to represent campus

It has long been said that history has a way of repeating itself. When talking about the Associated Students general election, that statement isn't too far from the truth.

It's another year and the election doesn't present too many decisions for students. Aside from the three executives, every position is essentially decided.

There are 12 director positions on the A.S. board, and there are 12 candidates running for the positions. And they're all from the Spartan Party.

Simple division shows that is only one per position, hence competition becomes a moot point.

And it's a shame.

It shouldn't be like this.

People should be battling for those positions. Students should be campaigning daily, challenging each other on issues and vying for these positions until Election Day.

But that's not a reality. Not here at San Jose State University.

We understand why. We know the story by now.

We know this is a commuter campus.

We know everyone is busy.

That doesn't mean, though, that we like the way things are.

And it's too bad, because our campus could benefit from an increased interest in student politics.

Look at our students: There are different faces, different backgrounds, different personalities and different voices.

And they're here by the thousands.

Along with those differences come different views, different concerns, different perspectives and different ideas.

That only leads to diversity. And while we do not doubt the students running for the 12 director positions, how diverse can 12 people running in the same political party really be?

Compare that to the diversity that could be possible if a mere 1 percent of our approximately 28,000 stepped up and took an interest in A.S.

Maybe our current A.S. president Leo Davila was correct when he said the directors should be selected in a new way so they represent districts on campus or different colleges.

Maybe that will increase interest.

Or it may help for students to attend today's workshop, "Working with A.S." It's at 4 p.m. in the Student Union's Costanoan room.

Maybe then some of those different voices and perspectives that hide in the dark may step up and become an active part of this university and its student government.

After all, 12 candidates running unopposed for director positions isn't the kind of history that should be repeated.

Newest school tragedy calls for attention

I was in my car when I heard the news. Another school rampage, 15 shot, two dead.

My insides screamed.

My mind raced.

"Not again," I thought as I imagined the desperate scene at Santana High School in Southern California.

Kids running from classrooms. Students covered in blood. Parents searching for their children amid chaos in the streets.

During the next few days, an excess of news stories will attempt to explain the causes of this incident.

Some of us will tune out, but those who follow the string of stories will find out whether the suspect was a good student or a loner or a misfit.

We will know the details of his home life and if he resented his parents, teachers or authority in general.

We will learn everything that can be learned about a 15-year-old freshman accused of gunning down his peers with a smile on his face.

All the while, we will be bombarded with information regarding school

CHRISTINA LUCAROTTI

CONFESSION

safety, and we will revisit the ever-popular topics of gun legislation and proper punishment for under-age offenders.

Inadvertently, we will increase the level of crime hysteria in our society and give the elderly another reason to fear teen-agers.

In the end, we will be better prepared to handle the next school shooting, but we won't be better prepared to prevent the next school shooting.

I don't believe killers are natural-born, but it seems that here in America we're breeding them.

And I want to know why.

We live in the wealthiest, most

powerful nation in the world, yet we can't keep our children from destroying one another.

It should go without saying that the majority of teen-agers would never act out their aggression by shooting up their school.

In fact, I think most adolescents crave a more harmonious environment than what they experience in high school, which makes the trend of school shootings even more confusing.

Instead of looking at violence as the problem, I think we need to see violence as the symptom of another problem.

I don't believe lack of school security or angry song lyrics is what drives students to bring guns to school. It's not that simple.

Perhaps the underlying problem is abuse or neglect or mental instability.

Perhaps we have traded a basic respect for life for big homes and stock portfolios.

Whatever the case, kids give clues, and if we paid attention, I'm sure the

majority of these tragedies could be avoided.

In almost three-quarters of 37 school shootings since 1974, the assailant told someone in advance about his plan, almost always another student," psychologists from the Secret Service told the New York Times last month.

Almost instantly, reports of students who were aware of the alleged gunman's plans for Monday's school shooting surfaced.

No one told officials, and it cost two young people their lives.

We have come to the point where we can no longer look the other way. We can no longer leave suspicious behavior unquestioned.

We can no longer delay involvement in the lives of the children we know.

We have a choice: work to avert such tragedies or wait for the next school shooting to make the news.

Christina Lucarotti is a Spartan Daily Senior Staff Writer. "Confession" appears Tuesdays.

'VERY WARM AGAIN LATELY'



Senseless spending stems from a long booming economy

A recession is imminent. Our economy's recent boom is about to go bust.

The stock market shows signs of crumbling, and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has warned of possible dark times to come.

It seems a dozen dot-coms collapse every day.

You can almost hear the venture capitalists crying over their lost funds — having become victims of catch phrases and maverick 18-year-old hackers-turned-CEOs.

Personally, I can only see the good aspects of this impending economic crisis.

By the time I get my degree, the piece of paper will actually mean something.

People with college educations won't have to compete with techno-geeks who don't have the interpersonal skills necessary to order a pizza.

There won't be enough jobs to go around, thankfully.

I firmly believe, thanks to this economic boom, some people have more money than they know what to do with.

This weekend, my friend Mike lamented the lack of quality in kitchen utensils.

He was faced with a decision: buy the low-quality, overpriced spatula or go without.

What angered Mike the most was that if he didn't buy the substandard utensil, a different customer would eventually snatch it up.

He brought up a good point: Because we've had such a great economy the past year or two, people don't care about the quality of their purchases.

They have money burning holes in their pockets.

They're so quick to buy something that they don't care if what they're buying is going to fall apart or stand the test of time.

They figure they'll be able to afford a replacement if the flimsy implement breaks.

I guess affluence begets lunacy, because people will do crazy things when they have too much money and

EMILY B. ZURICH

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time on their hands.

The fact that we have more choices than ever adds to the complication.

There are hundreds of Web sites for collectors of all sorts of things.

This goes beyond classic cars, stamps and baseball cards.

I found a site for lawn-mower collectors.

My father has taken to collecting what he calls "floaty pens," pens that have pictures inside that float from one end to the other when tipped.

He lost the floaty pen he bought in Iceland and has assured me he would pay a large sum of money to procure a replacement.

I suppose it's only a matter of time before people start to collect old, good-quality spatulas.

And I suppose it's also only a matter of time before I've acquired every kind of hanging car air-freshener in existence.

I've already collected David Hasselhoff, Jesus, Alf, the Star Trek Borg and nearly every fragrance and size of "mini-tree," from Vanilloroma to Pine Aroma to "Giant" Coconut, which is described on the label as "extra-odorant."

My obsession with this collection has become such a problem that passengers in my car often need to open their windows for fresh air, suffering from the unrelenting stench.

Thank goodness for recessions.

Emily B. Zurich is the Spartan Daily Copy Editor. "Quoth the Raven" appears Tuesdays.

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Department of Foreign Languages

Presentation: "Study Abroad and Foreign Languages and Your Career," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Almaden room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call the Department of Foreign Languages at 924-4607.

B.A.S.E.

Meeting, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Engineering building, Room 248. For more information, call Dariek Cooper at 924-7910.

Clark Library

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Chicano Studies Mural Art Project

Weekly meetings will be held in the beautifying of the Chicano Studies department. Everybody is welcome to help design, coordinate and produce this project, 4:30 p.m. in the Department Conference room, located in Uchida Hall. For more information, call Annica at 924-5760.

Student Leadership Workshop Series

Working with Associated Students: Get

the inside scoop on how to make A.S. work for you, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call the Student Life Center at 924-5950.

Catholic Campus Ministry

R.C.I.A. Journey into and learn more about the Catholic Faith, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center, located at 10th and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610, or visit www.sjsucm.org.

Nutrition Education Action Team (NEAT)

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Meditation — guided and instructional — All meditators welcome, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel, located at 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call R. Wharton at 605-1687.

Nurses Christian Fellowship

Support group/meeting, 2 p.m. in the Montalvo room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Diane Ste-

meir at 279-6385.

Peer Health Education Program

We want you to be a peer educator. For more information, call the Health building at 924-6136.

Wednesday

Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Alliance

Meeting/discussion, 5 p.m. in the Costanoan room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Shanna at 938-0803.

Students for Justice

Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Pacheco room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Vanessa at 924-4578.

Anthropology and Behavioral Science Club

Organizational meeting, 3 p.m. in Washington Square Hall, Room 004. For more information, call Marlene Elwell at 241-7471.

Marketing Association

Shirley Manan from Southwest Airlines and Tony Pearson from Agilent Technologies will talk about marketing practices in these two entirely different industries, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Pacifica room, located in the

Student Union. For more information, call Catherine Germono at (510) 501-8367.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Youth for Christ, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Guadalupe room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

Liberal Studies Society

Meeting, noon to 1 p.m. in the Pacifica room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Javette Robinson at 924-8403.

Recreation and Leisure Department

Relaxation station — health, wellness and fitness fair, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Loma Prieta room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Jenn Ives at 267-0592 or 267-0550.

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LEE: Speaks of remedies for problems of black portrayal in the media, films

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He said although there can be negative images of black people, Latinos and even Italian-Americans in the media, there is an unwritten rule that prohibits negative images of Jews.

"I refuse to be put in that straightjacket," Lee said. "On the one hand, you have Quentin Tarantino, an artist who is allowed to express himself by using this very ugly word to the ninth degree."

He compared it to the controversy of Michael Jackson's lyric, "Jew me, sue me, kick me, kike me."

Many people, including entertainment mogul David Geffen and director Steven Spielberg, disowned Jackson after that, Lee said.

"The shit hit the fan," he said. "Why is it that one artist and not the other is allowed to express himself? That's some bullshit. No. 1, black people don't mobilize like Jewish people. I wish they would. There's this unwritten rule, and I'm not saying go out and do the same thing on purpose. If you have a Jewish character that's not 100 percent angelic, you're accused of being anti-Semitic."

Lee said it is important for filmmakers to not let anyone validate their work.

"Not everyone's going to like what you do," he said. "I think as an artist you have to be committed to your vision. People ask me about the Academy Awards. In 1989, 'Do the Right Thing' got two nominations. What was the best film that year? 'Driving Miss Daisy.' That's not so funny."

Lee said he is not influenced by the Academy.

"You can't give them that power," he said. "They're going to get slick and get as many black presenters as they can. It's always been political."

The unfairness boils down to the "gatekeepers of the industry,"

Lee said.

"These are the people who decide what films and television shows get made, what gets buried in the back of the newspaper and what's on the front page," he said.

Because of the success of black actors such as Samuel L. Jackson, Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence, Lee said black people get "bamboozled" into thinking they have power within the industry.

"But that's not where the power is," he said. "We're not in the positions of gatekeepers, and until we are, we'll get what we get. I'm not saying (sitcoms) shouldn't be done, but networks are convinced that white Americans will not follow black characters in large numbers for hour-long shows. Let's be honest."

Doug E. Doug, who starred in "Cosby" and "Citizen James," a movie featured in the film festival, was a member of Sunday's panel called "Have Things Changed: Black Portrayals in the Media."

"America needs to open up their eyes," Doug said. "I don't feel it's my responsibility to explain that there are middle-class black people. I don't even think white people think there are no middle-class black people. I just think they find poor niggas more funny."

Lee said his movie "Bamboozled," a satire about the television industry's portrayal of black people that was featured at the festival, is about the misrepresentation of all people, including women, Latinos, American Indians and homosexuals.

"It's about what cinema and television has done," he said. "It's still with us today. I know we're supposed to be enlightened - it's the 21st century. But they keep bringing back the same shit again and again. They hide it with wardrobe, clothes, whatever, but it's the same thing."

Lee said he is particularly amazed at what he called the



Rudy Langlais, the producer of "The Hurricane," interviewed filmmaker Spike Lee at the Fairmont Hotel on Friday night. Lee later answered audience questions relating to his current films, "Bamboozled" and "4 Little Girls."

"magical black man" stereotype in movies such as "The Green Mile," "The Legend of Bagger Vance," "What Dreams May Come" and "Family Man."

He discussed "The Legend of Bagger Vance" and the fact that there were too many unhappy slaves in history to convince him that a black man would not use his powers to help his suffering people.

"No Negroes were even allowed on the golf course, let alone be the

caddy," Lee said. "If he had all these powers, why didn't he help his brothers and sisters? Don't you think it's a little strange his No. 1 concern was to help Matt Damon with his golf swing? I respect Will (Smith), but is he going to go broke (if he doesn't do the film)?"

Lee said the reason for the problems with black portrayals in the media is "the inability to see African Americans as regular people and as human beings."

His remedy for the problem is "more diversity amongst gatekeepers," he said.

Marquita Byrd, an associate professor in the communications studies department who was also a member of the panel, said that people also need to play an active part in making a difference.

"We need to be having critical analyses of our products," Byrd said. "We need to explain) what is

a coon, a mammy, an Uncle Tom. Nothing is going to change as long as we're buying the product."

Panel member Jamie Williams, writer of "Any Given Sunday," said he was hopeful about the progress of black portrayals in the media.

"I have great belief in this country," Williams said. "I have great hope and faith that we're going to end up in the right place doing the right thing. Our job is to move the audience and move our culture."

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Injured Spartans look to get healthy before postseason

By Kevin Higuchi

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Spartan men's basketball team is looking to take on the University of Tulsa on its home court in Texas on Thursday in the opening round of the WAC tournament.

"We're looking for an upset," said senior forward Darnell Williams. "We're confident, and we're trying to do some big things."

The Spartans, with an overall record of 14-13 and 6-10 in the WAC, enter the tournament in seventh place.

According to senior guard Billy Landram, the home fans will make it harder for the team to win.

"It's going to be tough with the big crowd," Landram said.

Senior Cory Powell added that the Spartans are at a disadvantage because of their early matchup with a good team.

"We're the victim of the schedule," Powell said.

Although the crowd will be against them, senior guard Mike Garrett said the Spartans know Tulsa's game and that his team has been working on some new things.

This past season, the Spartans played Tulsa twice and were defeated 63-57 at the Event Center and 76-60 in

Texas.

Williams said his main concern is about his own team.

"(The) last practice has been about ourselves," Williams said. "Before we even worry about the other teams, we have to get the team together."

Garrett said in the past Tulsa has gotten out to large leads and that the team is working on limiting their opponents' second shots while matching them with points.

Garrett, who missed the two previous weeks due to a strained medial collateral ligament (MCL), said he is happy to be back on the court.

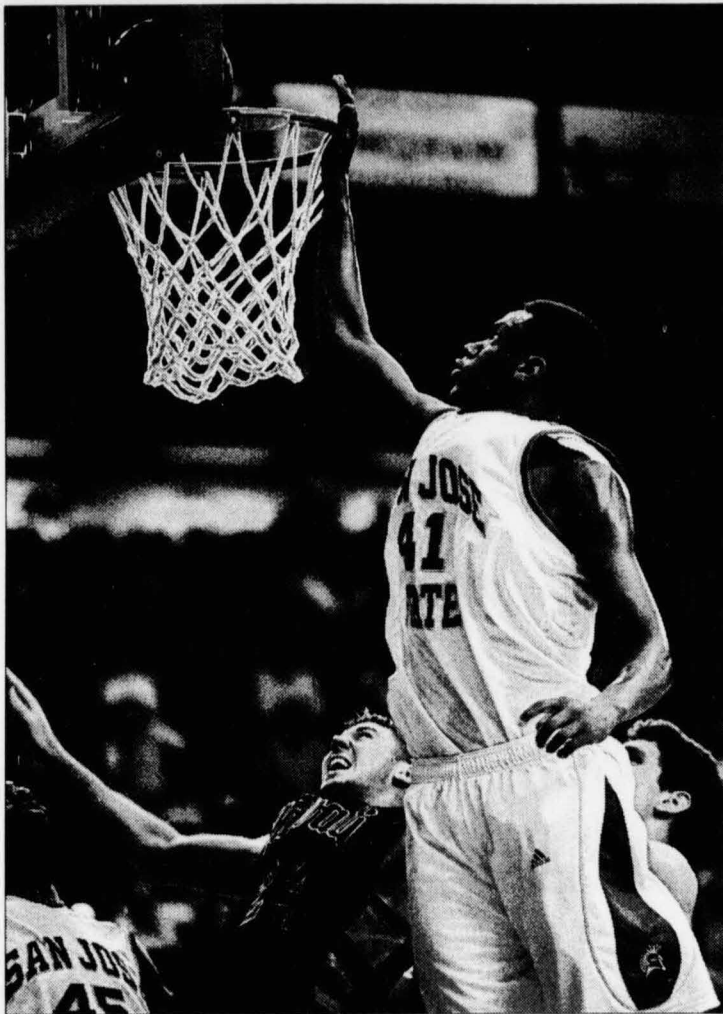
"I'm glad to come back and play," he said.

The team has also been working on its defense and trying to get its offense to spread the court, Williams said.

During the regular season, the Spartans were led by Powell, who led the team in points with an average of 13.7 per game, while Williams led in assists and rebounds, averaging 2.2 assists and 7.2 rebounds per game.

Landram said he doesn't want to lose in the first round because he is a senior.

"I want to make sure it's not my last game," Landram said.



Women's team elects to use same plan for tournament

By Kevin Higuchi

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San Jose State University women's basketball will be duking it out with the University of Texas-El Paso in a play-in game — a face-off between the eighth- and ninth-ranked teams in the Western Athletic Conference tournament — today in Tulsa.

The Spartans have not been able to beat UTEP, which is 8-19 overall and 4-12 in the WAC, in two tries this season.

SJSU lost by three in the first game and by 10 in overtime in the second.

Currently in ninth place, the Spartans (12-15 overall and 4-12 in the WAC) are scheduled to face the top-seeded Texas Christian University if they defeat UTEP.

Head coach Janice Richard said she was disappointed in the team's seeding because she thought it would have a better year, but indicated that she does not plan on

changing anything for the tournament.

"It's too late for any new strategies," Richard said. "I'm excited about going to the 'Big Dance' (WAC tournament), and all we can do is go out and play as hard as we can."

Heading into the tournament, the team's leading scorers are junior guards Atari Parker, averaging 17.1 points per game, and Danada Smith, who currently averages 16.4 per game.

Parker is also fifth in scoring and third in steals in the WAC and still leads the team in rebounds with 5.5, while freshman guard Cricket Williams averages 4.9 assists per game.

Although Richard had higher hopes for the season, she said she is very excited about the direction of the program.

"A few pieces are missing from the puzzle," and she said, adding that she looks forward to recruiting after the tournament.

Forward Darnell Williams leads the men's basketball team into the Western Athletic Conference tournament. Williams averaged 12.5 points per game and led the team in assists and rebounds, averaging 2.2 and 7.2 per game, respectively.

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Water polo team loses to USC, comes back to top Sonoma State

By J.E. Espino

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Spartan women's water polo team split a doubleheader with the University of Southern California and Sonoma State University on Saturday at the Aquatic Center.

San Jose State University lost its first Mountain Pacific Sports Federation match, losing the first game to No. 3-ranked in the nation USC, 10-6, but was able to dismiss Sonoma State 6-1, in the second game.

Spartan head coach Lou Tully, speaking of the game against USC, said his team has shown improvement since the last time the two met on Feb. 24 in the UC Santa Barbara Gaucha Tournament, which the Spartans lost 10-2.

"I still felt we did a better job," Tully said. "I thought we were competing against them. That last weekend, they pretty much down-handed us."

For a split second, however, it looked as though the Spartans, currently No. 6 in the nation, were going to put up a ferocious offensive attack. They roared back with a long shot from team captain Jessamyn Grewal to tie the score 1-1, 30 seconds after the women of Troy scored.

By the end of the first period, however, it was obvious the Spartans were struggling to stay afloat as USC's lead widened by three, with two goals scored by

Russian Olympic star Sofia

Konoukh, making the score 4-1.

In the second period, the Spartans showed they were not determined to repeat the last confrontation with the Trojans, as they aggressively put the ball into play on both ends of the pool.

Although Konoukh scored first, Spartan diver Neva West counterattacked seconds later, scoring SJSU's second goal, making the score 5-2.

The Spartans could not keep their momentum in spite of consistent defense by Christine Scott and another goal from West and a second from Scott. At the end of the third period, the score was 9-5.

The team continued to be plagued by its lack of confidence in shooting. Spartan goalie Melanie Nichols said, as it missed many key opportunities to score.

USC, on the other hand, wasted no opportunity putting the pressure on Nichols, who saved goals on more than six occasions.

In the loss, the Spartans were led by West and Grewal, who each had two goals, along with Scott and Inna Fedoseyeva, who each scored once.

Tully said he is working with the players to build their confidence in their shooting capacity when they face higher-ranking teams that have Olympians.

"Sometimes it's a little bit intimidating to play against the Olympians," he said.

Nichols, who played for the first three periods, said although

her team lost, the defense had given its best. She said she felt the team has to think positively to defeat its rivals.

"It's all up here," she said, pointing to her head. "We need to believe we can be No. 1."

And like Tully, Nichols also said the game was not a complete loss.

"I thought we had more confidence when we went out there," she said. "It proved we can be in the top four. I know we can. It's a definite possibility."

In the second game, the Spartans concentrated working on their passes and counterattacks.

Sonoma State's close guard of the Spartan's Kendall Mercer was not enough to stop her from hurling the ball right into the goal, giving SJSU a 1-0 lead.

Spartan players Allison Kurvers, Adriane Riddle and Jennie Charlesworth each scored a goal, while Monica Turner scored twice, once with an assist from Charlesworth.

Although Sonoma State continuously made efforts to reach the Spartan goal, it came up short in the end, unable to turn shots into goals.

Riddle, whose goal increased the score to 6-1 in the fourth period, said there were no major surprises for her teammates.

"We played them yesterday, so we kind of knew what to expect,"

she said.

In Friday's game, the Spartans defeated Sonoma by a difference of 10 goals.

Spartan goalie Michelle Rozzen said her teammates stayed focused throughout the game, even though they knew it would be an easy win.

Making reference to the saves she made, Rozzen said, "I kept my eyes on the ball, and the defense helped a lot."

The Spartans are scheduled to face No. 4-ranked UC Berkeley at 4 p.m. on Friday at Berkeley.

The last time the two teams faced off, Cal won, sending the Spartans from fifth in the nation to sixth.

Tully said the game is pivotal for his players.

"It's our next step up," he said. "We're going to see how we can close the gap."

"The players are physically capable to close that gap," Tully said, noting that the team needs to prepare its mental state to compete against a Cal team with two Olympians.

Rozzen said her teammates are looking forward to defeating their next opponents.

"There should be no reason why we cannot beat them if we think positively and we play with intensity throughout the whole game till the end," Rozzen said.



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Spartan Allison Kurvers tries to get a shot on goal while Sonoma State defender Meghan Browne defends. The Spartans beat Sonoma State 6-1 after losing earlier on Saturday to USC, 10-6.

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FAIR: Meeting employers face-to-face is key to getting a job

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skills needed."

Li Sheng, a computer science major, said he is looking for a summer job and would like to see IBM and Intel at the fair.

"It's going to be incredibly crowded," Sheng said.

He was at the Career Center on Monday trying to get information to prepare for the event.

"Literally," Wilkes said, "they need to bring themselves, dress professionally, bring lots of resumes, and they need to be graduating by August 2001."

According to Wilkes, students should have an easier time approaching employers with a blue ribbon because the ribbon signals they are SJSU alumni.

Jose Rosales, a foreign language major, said he had heard about the fair, but was not planning to attend.

"Since I am a sophomore, I don't need it. Maybe in my junior

or senior year," he said.

Wilkes, however, said she recommends students come to the fair whether they are job seekers or information gatherers, who come to see what the atmosphere is like.

"The main importance is to have face-to-face contact with the employers," she said. "The resume is not what gets you the job."

Wilkes said students attempting to interview with employers on their own time would spend countless hours trying to network.

"Doing it here is the easiest way. They're here and they're accessible," she said.

Linda Nguyen, a business administration major, said this is the second time she plans to attend the job fair. The last time she went to a fair in 1999, Nguyen was a freshman.

"I hope I get some responses," said the junior. "I hope I get an

internship in the summer ... to help me prepare. When I graduate I'll have some experience."

Nguyen said she is hoping to land an internship at Sun Microsystems.

"I have a job right now," she said, "but I want something interesting."

Wilkes said she believes the job market has experienced a slowdown, and students should take the opportunity to meet with employers while they are here.

"I can't predict how the market will go, but to get in, come early in the game," she said. "We've been in boom times, but the market is softening. On the other hand, for the good candidates it's still a good market," she said.

According to Wilkes, there will be more career and internship opportunities available through SpartadOBS, available on the Career Center Web site at www.careercenter.sjsu.edu.

PARKER: Once a topic of derision, Atari is proud of name

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Aside from wanting to help turn San Jose State University around from a ninth-place team to a first-place team, Parker said she has aspirations to play in the WNBA when her Spartan career is finished.

"It goes to show that women can do pretty much anything men can do sports-wise," Parker said. "Coming out with the WNBA, now women's basketball should be reckoned with."

The WNBA, Parker said, provides young girls with role models.

"Little kids and little girls now can actually dream and actually go and be professional athletes and now get this money that these men get," Parker said. "But just to say that you could pay your bills and do something you love — it's remarkable."

McClinton, who said she is Atari's biggest fan, also believes that Atari will reach her dream of playing in the WNBA.

"She told me, Mom, I'm going to play in the NBA," but I said, 'That's for men.' Now we have the WNBA," Burden McClinton said. "I think she's good enough."

MiaTonya Smith, Parker's roommate and teammate, said Parker is a competitive person who constantly strives to achieve her goals, and that the WNBA is the next step for Atari.

"I believe she can get there (WNBA), if there's one person that I'd say would get there," Smith said. "She does everything right. She does everything well. She has a good attitude, she plays well, she's a team player and she's a leader."

The Spartan women's head basketball coach, Janice Richard, said Parker is one of the top players she has coached and is adept at scoring. Although Richard said Parker will make it to the next level, she added that Parker will have to will improve her practice habits.

"Atari's been in a position where a lot of things come easy to her and good things happen for her," Richard said. "I've been trying to stress if you work hard all the time then great things will happen, not just good things."

Aside from being a multi-talented player, Parker is considered

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—Gracie Burden McClinton, Parker's mother

a positive person who speaks her mind, teammate Myiesha Jones said.

"She's the type that would bring the team up," Jones said. "Whenever she sees that not everyone is on the same page, she'll help us get there. She's like, as I say, a leader. She's outspoken first of all and a lot of the freshmen on the team look up to her as being a junior and being a 'star' of the team. A lot of people respect her."

As for the name, Atari, Smith said Parker's name and tattoo on her right calf fits her personality.

"I think that's a one-person name. I believe no one else in the world has that name," Smith said.

After three stops, the criminology major has now found her home at SJSU. Parker transferred from Fresno State University to Santa Ana junior college after not seeing eye-to-eye with the coaches at Fresno State.

SJSU and its head coach made it clear from the beginning that they wanted her.

"I'm happy she came to SJSU and help turn this basketball program around," Richard said. "She's a great player."

Parker said she wanted to be a Spartan because SJSU was persistent, and she wanted to stay close to her mother.

Although Parker admires retired NBA player Charles Barkley, because of his intensity on the court, the junior guard gives credit to her mother for helping her achieve the success that she has enjoyed thus far and for instilling Parker with the values she has learned.

"She inspired me to play basketball. She's basically done it all," Parker said. "She kept us together through a divorce. She kept it together still — family, house, food, name-brand clothes. Anything to keep us happy."

McClinton said she is flattered that she is her daughter's role model. She said she tried to motivate her daughter to work hard in life.

"I worked hard, and I tried to set good examples for her," McClinton said. "Success comes from hard work. There's no reason why we can't achieve success in life."

Although Barkley is Parker's basketball role model, she said her mother is her biggest inspiration.

"She probably doesn't even know it," Parker said. "She is definitely the biggest role model in my life. Period."

SHOOTING: Escalating violence bewilders SJSU students

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Student John Schardt, 17, was in a nearby classroom when the shooting started at about 9:20 a.m. in a boys' restroom and spilled into a quad.

"I looked at the kid, and he was smiling and shooting his weapon," Schardt said. "It was total chaos. People were trying to take cover."

Andrew Kaforey, a 17-year-old senior, said he ran into the bathroom with a security guard after hearing what sounded like a fire-cracker or a gunshot. "He pointed the gun right at me, but he didn't shoot," Kaforey said.

As he and the guard ran out, the gunman shot the guard in the back, Kaforey said.

Investigators said the boy used a .22-caliber revolver, stopping once to reload, and retreated after the shooting into the bathroom.

Jason Toledo, an undeclared major at SJSU, said there are other ways to vent one's anger without going on a killing spree.

"I think these kids are stupid. They're imitating the guys from Columbine High School," Toledo said. "No one would be able to imitate the Columbine massacre because those guys were 'grade-A' psychos."

Earnest Ortiz, an undeclared freshman at SJSU, said the violence was starting to become repetitive.

"It's not news anymore," Ortiz said. "When it first happened in Columbine, it shocked the world

and everything, but now it's happening every month or so. I don't even think they have a reason for doing what they are doing anymore."

Ortiz said he thought the teenagers saw the media attention the incident received and wanted the attention as well.

"This is my worst nightmare," Santana High School Principal Karen Degiescher said. She said the campus will be closed Tuesday and that counselors were called in to help students.

Classmates and acquaintances of the boy described him as skinny and the subject of constant harassment. Students said he boasted about owning a gun.

Over the weekend, the boy "was joking on and off that he was going to come to school and shoot people," said Joshua Stevens, 15, a friend of the boy. "He had it all planned out, but at the end of the weekend he said he was just joking, and he wasn't really going to do it."

"I said, 'Like, you better be.' And he said, 'No, I'm serious.'"

"I should've stepped up even if it wasn't true and stuff — to take that precaution," said Chris Reynolds, a 29-year-old who is dating Stevens' mother.

"That's going to be haunting me for a long time; that's going to be with me for a long time. It just hurts, because I could've maybe done something about it."

Reynolds said the boy stayed at his house Saturday night and

talked about starting a shooting spree.

"I even mentioned Columbine to him. I said I don't want a Columbine here at Santana. But he said, 'No, nothing will happen, I'm just joking,'" Reynolds said.

Recently, two skateboards had been stolen from the boy, O'Grady said. "He always gets picked on. He's scrawny, he's little," he said. "People think he's dumb."

Lisa Cabrera, a social science major at SJSU, said she thinks parents who own guns should be educated.

"It just seems like you see it a lot lately," she said. "I think a lot has to do with the people they hang out with, boredom, nothing to do, maybe this is not discussed at home — that this is unacceptable behavior."

The 1,900-student school is about 10 miles northeast of San Diego and is the alma mater of Sharon Davis, wife of Gov. Gray Davis. She spoke during the school's commencement in 1999.

"Sharon and I are shocked and deeply saddened by this tragedy," the governor said in a statement. "Our hearts and prayers go out to the students and their families, the school administrators and the law enforcement officials involved in this incident."

◆ Daily staff members Michelle Jew, J. E. Espino, Karen Kabling, George Moore and the Associated Press contributed to this report.

PROVOST: Goodman is eager to encourage student input

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encouraging communication between faculty and students.

"It's a lot more open than sitting in a classroom or meeting," Gorney-Moreno said.

If all goes well, she said she hopes to set up at least two more meetings to accommodate students with different schedules.

Goodman was selected by Caret to serve as SJSU's new provost and vice president for academic affairs Jan. 22.

As provost, Goodman is responsible for all academic administrators providing leadership in the development and oversight of all academic programs.

Goodman's last position was

dean of the College of Letters and Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Goodman received his Ph.D. in political science and labor economics from Ohio State University, his master's in political science at Ohio State and his bachelor's at DePaul University in Chicago.

In 1999, during his sixth year as dean at the University of Wisconsin, Goodman was named special assistant for globalization to Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson. He also co-chaired the state's International Trade Council on World Language for Wisconsin's citizens.

Tesic Biljana said she wasn't aware of the meeting but thought it was a good idea.

"It's a good opportunity for peo-

ple to voice their opinions," said Biljana, a junior majoring in kinesiology.

Stuart Mahoney said that because he is new to SJSU he wants to know what's going on at the university.

"I would like to know what they have planned for the new library and what they're going to do with the old one," said Mahoney, a junior majoring in art.

Jennifer Maione, a staff member in the linguistics and language development department, agreed that it is important that the provost and the academic senate chair are holding the meeting.

"It's important for them to be available to the community," Majoney said.

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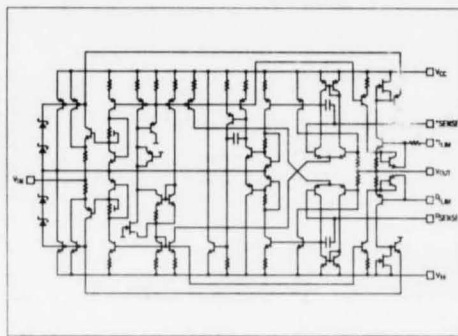
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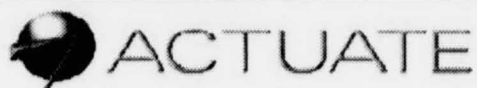
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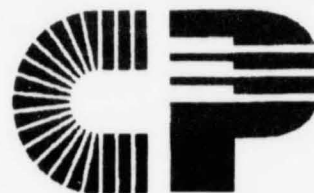
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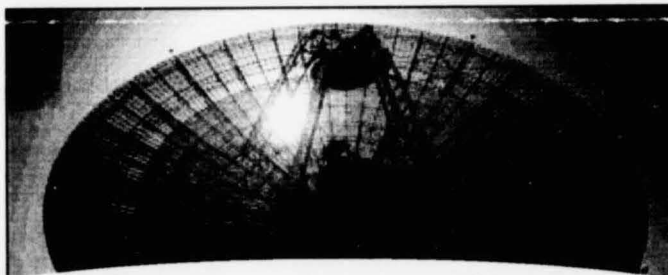
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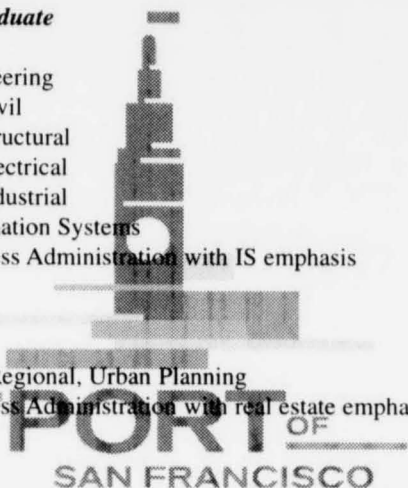
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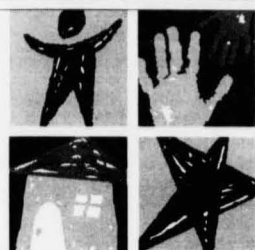
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